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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7769

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS PRIROITY

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 0981

USCINCEUR AND CINCUSNAVEUR ALSO FOR POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MO SP SS AG MR

SUBJECT: ANOTHER CLASH REPORTED IN THE SAHARA

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1. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY MAP FEBRUARY 20 REPEATED STORY PUT OUT BY

SPANISH NEWS MEDIA STATING THAT "ALL OCCUPANTS OF EIGHT HEAVY ALGERIA
N
VEHICLES" KILLED IN NEW FEBRUARY 19 CLASH WITH MOROCCAN UNITS
SOUTH OF AMGALA (WHERE MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN UNITS HAD TWICE
CLASHED PREVIOUSLY). SEMI-OFFICIAL LE MATIN FEBRUARY 21
RAN ITEM WITH HEADLINE, "NEW CLASH BETWEEN MOROCCAN AND
ALGERIAN MILITARY IN SAHARA."

2. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION TO DATE THAT ANY CLASH OCCURRED
OR, IF SO, WHETHER ALGERIANS INVOLVED.

3. THIS LATEST REPORTED INCIDENT COMES ON EVE OF TWO EVENTS
WHICH TAKING ON INCREASING IMPORTANCE IN EYES OF LOCAL

OBSERVERS. FIRST IS OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN IN ADDIS FEBRUARY 23; SECOND IS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 28
FORMAL TURNOVER BY SPANISH OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES
IN SAHARA. TUNISIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR HERE SPECULATED
FEBRUARY 20 THAT TIME MAY BE PROPITIOUS FOR POLISARIO
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN, HE SAID,
COULDN'T HAVE PICKED MORE DIFFICULT TIME TO BEGIN A MEDIATION
ATTEMPT.
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